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NEXT MEETING:
Time: Wednesday, July 10, 1991, 7:30 p.m.
Place: **Bismark Hotel**, 171 W. Randolph, Chicago
Parlor E Room (Level 3)
Speaker: John Wilson, on the 1990 Seattle ANA Convention

NOTE NEW MEETING SITE!

The July meeting will **not** be held at its usual location this month (see above). The change is being made at the request of Pete Jorstad, who says recent meetings and visiting after meetings have dragged on too late at our usual meeting room.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

As the 1991 ANA Convention fast approaches, time is running out to make important preparations. This point was emphasized at the June meeting when Joel Reznick reported on a proposal to issue a series of transportation tokens for the ANA tours. With just two months before the convention, the numbers and types of tokens, funding, and final ANA approval were still up in the air. Several club members were supportive of a token issue, and said they would immediately lobby for one.

By the time you read this, the issue will have been decided, one way or another, if only because time will have run out. Hopefully, a token series is on its way. If it is, it is largely due to the efforts of Joel and other CCC members.

It is interested and involved CCC members such as these who are going to play a large role in how successful the ANA Convention will be. While it can be argued that a totally professional convention staff would be more efficient than volunteers, the energy and fresh perspective CCC members bring to the convention and its planning **can** make a difference, at least some of the time, even when dealing with a hard-to-move object like the ANA.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August: ANA Annual Convention meeting (11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 17), Ed Milas on Multiple Thalers
September: Harry X Boosel on Check Collecting
October: Brian Stubbs, subject TBA
November: Member benefit auction
December: Banquet, speaker TBA
Programs are subject to change.

MINUTES OF 869TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m., June 12, 1991. The minutes of the prior meeting were approved as published in the Chatter. There was no treasurer's report. The guest for the evening was past CCC President Saul Needleman.

The featured speaker was Professor MacDonald on coins of eastern Roman cities. Following the talk Drew Michyeta presented the professor with the club's speaker award.

The book committee reported a sale of two books for a total of $20 and a consignment of three books to Bill Whistler. The program committee reported programs have been arranged for all 1991 meetings except December. Programs for 1992 are currently being sought. A possibility of creating tokens or metals for the ANA convention was discussed.

Exhibitors for the evening were Carl Wolf (calendar medals), Saul Needleman (two medals, and book on 18th century English tokens), Robert Leonard (11 Roman bronze coins), Charles Ricard (1893 Columbian half dollar), and Harry Flower (coins with edges remade outside mint).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad, Secretary Treasurer

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND YEARS JOINED:

2	William Swoger	1984	20	Melvyn Frear	1989
7	Robert Hendershott	1989	23	Thomas Michell	1981
7	William Holm	pre-1960	26	Tom DeLorey	1984
17	Harry X Boosel	1873	26	Donald Doswell	1960
19	Carl F. Wolf	1979	31	Clarence Wills	pre-1960

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NEXT MEETING:

Time: **Saturday, August 17, 11:00 a.m.**
Place: Rosemont/O'Hare Exposition Center
Conference Center 3, 4
Speaker: Ed Milas: German Multiple Talers

DON'T BRING EXHIBITS--SAVE THEM FOR NEXT MONTH, PLEASE

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

As you read this, the ANA Centennial Convention is upon us. I hope most of you can attend, and I especially hope to see you at a well-attended Saturday CCC meeting.

Also, be sure to stop by the CCC table at the show. In addition, you should see familiar faces from CCC at registration and many other areas of the show. See you there!

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September: Harry X Boosel on check collecting
October: Brian Stubbs, subject TBA
November: Member benefit auction
December: Banquet, speaker TBA
Programs are subject to change.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND YEARS JOINED:

2	John Wilson	1984	11	Leah Klein	1969
6	Peter Jorstad	1985	16	Richard Sheppard	1977
7	James McMenamin	1975	18	Michael Dolnick	pre-1960
9	William Pettit	1967	24	Michael Pesha	1979

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MINUTES OF 870TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB

Meeting called to order at 7:30 July 10, 1991. The minutes of the prior meeting were approved as published in the Chatter and the treasurer's reports for May and June were approved.

Book committee: club books will be for sale at the International Numismatic Congress in Belgium.

A letter from Bob Leuver, ANA executive director, announced that, beginning in 1992, a Young Numismatist scholarship will be awarded each year in honor of the CCC. Charlie Ricard will attend the award ceremony for the CCC.

Votes were cast for Governors Donn Pearlman, Nancy Wilson, Ed Rochette, and David Ganz. A contribution of $123 to the ANA Bicentennial Endowment Fund was approved.

Future CCC meetings will be held at the Bismark Hotel. We have a lease for $37.50 plus occupancy tax per month. This agreement excludes the banquet, CICF, and ANA convention.

The club sends its wishes for speedy recovery to Bill Holm, who recently suffered a stroke.

Carl Wolf was appointed banquet chairman for the CCC December banquet. Brian Stubbs, ANA tours chairman, was given discretion for a transportation token. CCC will absorb cost up to $250 for dies. A committee to determine a giveaway from CCC was formed consisting of Carl Wolf and John Wilson. Final approval is up to Bob Leonard rather than the membership because the time before ANA is short.

Please remember: NO exhibits at the ANA CCC meeting.

Exhibits for the evening were: Harry X Boosel (numismatic decks of cards, numismatic ash tray, radio), Harry Flower (U.S. coins altered for fraud), Charles Ricard (New York state tokens), Frank Zaylik (ANA convention badges, bars, souvenir cards), Chet Poderski (4 books pertaining to coins), Bob Leonard (Egypto-Judaean coin molds and coins), Nancy Wilson (special Red Book, ANA currency), John Wilson (1904 Expo wooden postcard, 1966 Western Coin Collector publication with story on Harry X Boosel, Walter Boeyer memorial exhibit). Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad, Secretary/Treasurer

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OUR 1873rd (OOPS, THAT'S 873rd) MEETING:

Time: **Wednesday, October 9, 1991, 7:30 p.m.**
Place: **Bismark Hotel, 171 West Randolph, Chicago**
Speaker: **Harry X Boosel, on check collecting**

BRING A CZECH TO THE MEETING!

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

What is an ideal CCC exhibit? I think any numismatic item that appeals to the speaker is a worthy exhibit, as long as he (or she) keeps the talk to 5 minutes or less. The more interested a speaker is in his topic, the more likely he is to communicate his enthusiasm and to present an illuminating and lucid talk. Several club members are very good at this communication process--they tend to be the ones who take home the exhibitor awards at the end of the year.

However, the top exhibitors also do something I (and some other exhibitors) don't always do a good job with--they either research their exhibit thoroughly, or know the subject so well they don't have to research it. Also, from what I've seen, the top exhibitors usually show things they specialize in--not that wooden nickel they picked up while visiting Aunt Flo in Missouri. In recent years there have been a fair number of CCC exhibits describing recently issued, common numismatic or even non-numismatic items. While this isn't necessarily bad, I think if you specialize in Roman coins, you shouldn't be afraid to talk about them. If you don't specialize in them, but want to talk about them, do some research first!

In summary, talk about what interests you, and know what you are talking about. Everyone will benefit. Remember the club motto, "We Learn by Teaching!"

(Contrary opinions are welcomed from wooden nickel collectors and others. Send your opinions to the **Chatter** editor for publication.)

MEMBER-BENEFIT AUCTION

The November meeting will feature a member-benefit auction. If interested, put together a list of things that you would like to have auctioned and bring it to the October meeting, or contact a club officer. You don't have to bring in the auction items until November.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November: Member Benefit Auction
December: Banquet, Bismark Hotel, speaker TBA
Programs are subject to change.

MINUTES OF 872ND MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB

Meeting called to order at 7:30 on September 11, 1991 at the Bismark Hotel. The minutes of the prior meeting were approved as published in the **Chatter.** The July and August Treasurer's reports were also approved as read.

It was announced that Charlie Ricard was awarded the ANA Medal of Merit and Charlie then gave some summary facts regarding the recent convention.

There was some discussion of the tokens that the CCC advanced funds for, and several people expressed disappointment with ANA for not funding (or even budgeting for) the project. It was decided that the remainder of the tokens will be sold for $2 plus 29 cents postage.

Drew Michyeta explained the manufacture of the ANA banquet centerpieces. A round of thanks was given Drew for providing the centerpieces for the banquet.

Carl Wolf, the CCC banquet chairman, discussed the cost of the banquet and the possibility of hors d'oeuvres again. Carl was granted permission to order them at a price per person rate.

Membership readings and approval were given for Jay Galst, Joseph Piekarczyk, and Robert Weinstein. First readings were given for Steven Rodin, Ethan Plaut, and Steve Zitowsky. Welcome!

The featured speaker for the evening was Brian Stubbs with the topic of South African notes. After the presentation, Drew presented Brian with the club's speaker award.

Exhibits for the evening were Dave Simpson (**Banknote Reporter** article, hammered medal), Charles Ricard (1817 English 6 pence, ANA Medal of Merit), Harry Flower (spoon and card holder made from Maria Theresa taler, ANA Convention souvenirs), Carl Wolf (club host plaque, club transportation token dies, 1891 elongated silver dollar).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary/Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome is extended to our new members: Joseph A. Piekarczyk (club member 1021), Robert J. Weinstein Jr. (1023), and Jay M. Galst (1022).

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND YEARS JOINED:

5	Phyllis Johnson	1987
8	Brian Heil	1981
9	Tom Ryan	1960
11	J. Vincent Swift	1991
14	William Baker	1979
19	Richard Peterson	1962
24	Jeffrey Bernberg	1975

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SOUTH AFRICAN FORGERY

Included on the next page is a copy of an information sheet submitted by Dr. Robert Morris at our August ANA Convention meeting. The sheet describes a forgery of the 1900 Kruger Pond from the Zuid Afrikaanse Republiek. While the pictures didn't reproduce well, the text should be sufficient. As Dr. Morris says, "You have been warned!"

THE 1900 KRUGER POND FORGERY

Forgery

GENUINE

Genuine

FORGERY

The collecting of the Kruger series of the Zuid Afrikaanse Republiek is usually a must for S.A. Numismatists because of the short period — 1892 to 1900, and the fact that most coins are readily available at auction sales or from dealers. Recently many coins in proof or uncirculated condition have appeared and have been realising very good prices. And this prompts me to issue a much needed warning about the 1900 Pond forgery the reverse of which is illustrated here in comparison with a genuine coin.

Presumably because no new dies were available for the 1900 striking, the Z.A.R. Mint used the 1898 dies and the date was changed to 1900. These dies, however, were rather worn and this accounts for the lack of definitive detail in the belly of the eagle and its claws on the genuine coin as can be seen on the coin on the left.

It is said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery but when the imitation appears to be better than the original — especially in Numismatics — beware! An enterprising collector some ten years ago decided to "Doctor" the coin to make it look better, and attempted to make a proof-like or uncirculated coin by highlighting the feathers on the belly of the eagle and emphasising the claws on its legs and these show up distinctly on the forgery on the right. Careful attention will reveal that the lettering on the coin and the Republic coat of arms are relatively more flat; and on the obverse — not shown here — the hair and beard of President Kruger are not as distinct as one would expect on an uncirculated coin. The milling of the forgery is very shining and distinct, and not worn as one would expect in a coin minted some 80 years ago; and while many of the original coins have a slight indentation in the milling, none of the forgeries show this.

So if, as a collector, you are offered a 1900 Paul Kruger Pond which appears almost proof-like of uncirculated, look very carefully at the breast of the eagle and its claws, and study the milling before being "taken in" for a "too good to be true" forgery. You have been warned!

Dr. Robert Morris.

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OUR 875th MEETING:

Date: **Wednesday, ~~November~~ Dec. 11, 1991,**
Time: Reception 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:30 p.m.
Place: **Bismarck Hotel**, 171 West Randolph, Chicago
Program: Annual Banquet

BRING YOUR APPETITE!

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Once again it's time for fellowship and good cheer at the club's annual banquet. The meal will be preceded by served hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar with wine, beer, and pop. The meal will be your choice of chicken (including a side dish with ham) or fish. Following the banquet will be a short slide program on gold coins, and the presentation of awards.

We look forward to welcoming members and guests. This is a good meeting to attend if you can only come once a year. If you have not yet made your reservations (dinners are $21 per person), please call Carl Wolf at 312/454-9696, and/or mail your check to the club. We must hear from you by December 9.

If you can't make it, have a happy holiday season anyway!

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DUES STATEMENT

It is that time of year again--your dues are due! Please send your check to Pete Jorstad at the club address, or pay

him at the next meeting. The amount for most members is $10; it is $1 for associate members who don't receive the **Chatter**, and $5 for junior members. For your convenience, we have enclosed a return envelope.

MINUTES OF THE 874TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. November 13. Minutes were approved as printed in the **Chatter.** Treasurer's reports for September and October were approved. The treasurer reported that $18 receivable on club books was paid. The club's ANA Centennial History book will be placed in the archives.

There is one submission for the literary award. Also, Drew Michyeta tentatively volunteered to be the banquet speaker.

Bruce Plaxton and Fred White were welcomed into the club, following second reading and approval of their applications.

There were no exhibits to allow time for the member benefit auction. Action was occasionally hot and heavy, with CCC material being among the strongest sellers. The club realized $36 from items donated to it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Jorstad, Secretary/Treasurer

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND YEARS JOINED:

26	Jennie Sochon	1982
27	Matthew F. Wojtazek, Sr.	pre-1960

As always, we would like to hear from members who joined prior to 1960 as to when they joined. We recently heard from Aubrey E. Bebee, who wrote, "I joined the Chicago Coin Club in 1940. I attended meetings regularly, until we moved to Omaha in 1952. Best wishes to the Chicago Coin Club." Thanks, Mr. Bebee.

LESOTHO-BOUND MEMBER

One of our members, Bill Grundy, attended the November meeting, following his graduation from Stanford University. He is now heading for Lesotho, in southern Africa, to be a Peace Corps volunteer. I'm sure we all wish him well in this exciting endeavor. We'll try to keep in touch by sending him the Chatter. Bill will be our only overseas member.